

I did not get a chance to speak at the Monterey Localism Hearing as there were so many who also wanted to do so. What follows is the statement I prepared for the hearing. Hello. My name is Teresa, and I live in Salinas. I am not an activist. I have never participated in a protest rally or marched against anything. I have always been one of the silent majority, quietly going about my life. But I have been so distressed by what has been happening on my radio that I had to voice my concerns. My concerns are about the lack of diversity on the radio. Local radio stations are disappearing from the landscape and with them the individuality of voices. These days the few radio stations that do exist are all preprogrammed to play the same handful of songs everyday. No longer can one find the extensive range of songs, artists, or genres that existed prior to deregulation. Nowadays we are presented with the uniform voice of the massive conglomerates. If the airwaves are truly ours, they should reflect the diversity of the American people and not the advertising interests of corporations. I would like the FCC to bring back its regulation of media ownership, which went a long way to preventing media monopolies from existing. Thank you.